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Classic horror & ghost stories Classic fiction (pre c 1945) Classic fiction (pre c 1945)

Kirsty Logan's atest novel is Now She is Witch (2023) and her previous books include Things We Say In The Dark, The Gloaming, The Gracekeepers, A Portable Shelter and The Rental Heart & Other Fairytales Margaret Armour (1860 - 1936) was a Scottish translator, editor and poet. William Macdougall (1868–1936) was an illustrator influenced by Aubrey Beardsley, William Morris and art nouveau. He was a member of the New English Art Club and contributed to The Yellow Book.

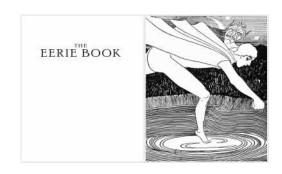
The Eerie Book

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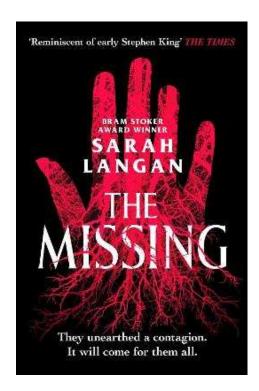
A haunting anthology of supernatural stories and the macabre by well-known authors of gothic novels, folklore and fairy tales, each featuring a chillingly striking black-and-white illustration.

This chilling anthology, first published in 1898, features classic gothic authors Edgar Allan Poe, Mary Shelley, Thomas de Quincey and Hans Christian Andersen alongside well-known and influential fairy tales and folklore. All of the macabre stories and extracts from longer works have hints of the supernatural and many include malevolent spirits and grotesque murders. But this varied selection also features melancholy hauntings and poignant memoir in a fascinating mix of gothic horror and disturbing legend. Each story is illustrated with a striking engraving by art nouveau artist William Macdougall. Beautifully produced, carefully curated and timeless, this book is the perfect gift for anyone who likes to be haunted by ghost stories. Read it if you dare.









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The Missing

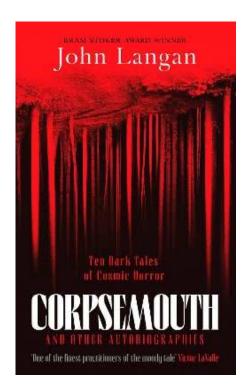
A spine-chilling apocalyptic horror Canelo (Macmillan Distribution (MDL))

09 May 2024

A remote and affluent Maine community, Corpus Christi was untouched by the environmental catastrophe that destroyed the neighbouring blue-collar town of Bedford. But all that will change in a heartbeat...

There are some nightmares from which we do not wake...The affluent community in Corpus Christi is unaffected by the bizarre environmental disaster that completely destroyed Bedford, a neighbouring town, only a few miles away. However, when third-grade schoolteacher Lois Larkin takes the children on a field trip to the site of the disaster, everything changes. There, in the abandoned woods, a small boy unearths a horror unlike any other. The long, dark night is just beginning. A malevolent contagion starts to spread, and will not rest until it has devoured every living soul in Corpus Christi... and beyond. The apocalypse approaches in this Bram Stoker Award winning horror by Sarah Langan. Perfect for fans of A. M. Shine and Rebecca Netley. Langan has a sharp eye for the small, vivid details of American life, and her characters are utterly believable. Reminiscent of early Stephen King, this is not for the squeamish. The Times





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Corpsemouth and Other Autobiographies

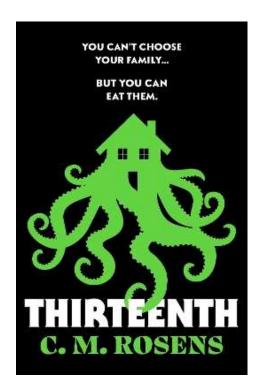
Ten Dark Tales of Cosmic Horror
Canelo (Macmillan Distribution (MDL))

17 October 2024

John Langan returns with ten tales of cosmic horror, continuing to chart the course of 21st Century weird fiction, from the unfamiliar to the familial, the far-flung to the intimate.

John Langan, author of the Bram Stoker Award-winning novel The Fisherman, returns with ten tales of cosmic horror. In these stories, he continues to chart the course of 21st Century weird fiction, from the unfamiliar to the familial, the unfathomably distant to the intimate. A Halloween haunted house becomes a conduit to something ancient and uncanny. The effigy of a movie monster becomes instrumental in a young man's defence against a bully. A family diminishes while visiting a seaside town, leaving only one to remember what changed. Lured in by fate, a father explores a mysterious tower, and the monster imprisoned within. Mourning his death, a young man travels to his father's hometown, seeking closure, but finds himself beset by dreams of mythic bargains and a primaeval, corpse-eating titan.





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Thirteenth

A Lovecraftian eldritch horror of toxic families and female rage

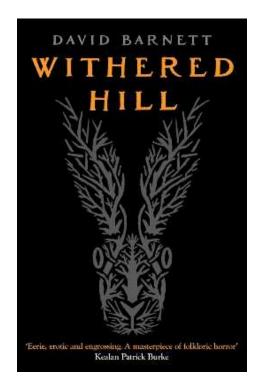
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Katy is the thirteenth child of a thirteenth child in a family of eldritch horrors. Her eventual metamorphosis will change her into a creature that hungers for her family's flesh.

Lovecraftian horror meets kitchen sink drama in this darkly funny tale of toxic families, eldritch body horror and female rage.Katy Porter is the thirteenth child of a thirteenth child in an inbred family of eldritch horrors, and her own eventual metamorphosis will change her into a creature that hungers for her family's flesh. All Katy wants to do is finish college and go backpacking with her mates, but as her changes creep ever closer and her protector is horribly murdered, that's not looking too likely. Katy needs allies, but she's stuck with her oldest brother, a drug-addled playboy, and her eyeball-eating cousin, whose idea of protecting her involves abduction, dark rituals, and encouraging her homicidal side. If anyone is going to survive Katy's transformation, scores need to be settled and fears need to be faced - and Katy is not the only one who needs to face them. A witty, dark and utterly bewitching eldritch family drama with a Lovecraftian twist set in East Sussex.





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Withered Hill

A dark and unsettling British folk horror novel

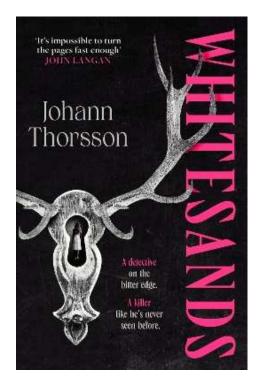
Canelo (Macmillan Distribution (MDL))

26 September 2024

Sophie finds herself trapped in an isolated Lancashire village. But is it the inhabitants, drenched in folklorish traditions, who keep her prisoner, or something more sinister lurking in the woods...

'Withered Hill is the ultimate nightmare destination' Laird BarronInsideA year ago Sophie Wickham stumbled into the isolated Lancashire village of Withered Hill, naked, alone and with no memory of who she is. Surrounded by a thick ring of woodland, its inhabitants seem to be of another world, drenched in pagan, folklorish traditions. As Sophie struggles to regain the memories of her life from before, she quickly realises she is a prisoner after multiple failed escape attempts. But is it the locals who keep her trapped, with smiles on their faces, or something else, lurking in the woods? OutsideIn London, Sophie leads a chaotic life, with too many drunken nights, inappropriate men and boring temp jobs. But things take a turn as she starts to be targeted by strange messages warning her that someone, or something, is coming for her. With no idea who to trust, or where to turn for help, the messages become more insistent and more intimidating, urging Sophie to make her way to a place called Withered Hill... An utterly bewitching, dual timeline folk horror novel, with a truly devastating twist you have to read to believe. Praise for Withered Hill 'Eerie, erotic and engrossing, David Barnett's Withered Hill is a masterpiece of folkloric horror, one I suspect shall henceforth be mentioned in the same breath as The Wicker Man, as it well and truly deserves to be' Kealan Patrick Burke, Bram Stoker Award winning author of Sour Candy 'A bloody masterpiece ... Black Mirror meets The Wickerman' Mark Stay, author of The Witches of Woodville series 'Midsommar, Evil Dead and Stepford Wives all in one, this twisted dark fairytale rooted in the modern world had me too scared to walk my dog in broad daylight. Masterful storytelling, sinister, sick and funny - if you're as warped as this folklore horror gem' Lisa Rookes, author of The Vanishing of Joni Blackwood 'Withered Hill gets into you as the best folk horror tends to: the woods grow ever-deeper, the villagers more smilingly hostile as the escape routes shrink tighter than a keyhole. But there's much delight in being trapped in the hands of such an agile, clever, and knowing storyteller' Nick





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Johann Thorsson's a writer of dark fiction. A native of cold, dark Iceland. His first novel, Whitesands, is a supernatural crime thriller set in Los Angeles. He lives in Reykjavik with his wife and two kids.

Whitesands

A chilling and compelling supernatural crime novel

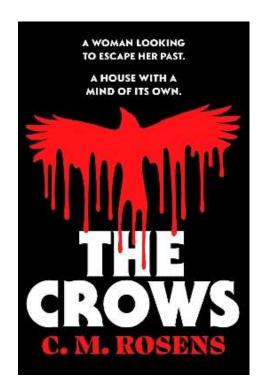
Canelo (Macmillan Distribution (MDL))

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Detective Dark investigates a man who killed his wife in their locked house and then dressed the body up to resemble a deer while simultaneously hunting for his missing daughter.

A detective on the bitter edge. A killer like he's never seen before. Detective John Dark's daughter has been missing for two years. In his frantic and unfruitful search for her he overreached his position, and was reprimanded and subsequently demoted. Now mysteriously reinstated to the homicide department, Dark is put on a chilling case – a man who killed his wife in their locked house and then dressed the body up to resemble a deer. A few days later an impossibly similar case crops up connecting the suspects to a thirty year old missing persons' case. As Dark is finally making headway, a new lead in his daughter's disappearance pops up and threatens to derail his career again. Time is running out and Dark needs to solve the case before more people are killed, and while there is still hope to find his daughter. In the style of True Detective and The Silence of the Lambs, Whitesands is a thrilling and terrifying supernatural crime novel.





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The Crows

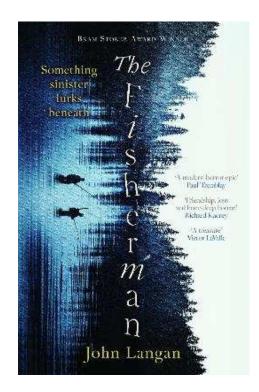
A gothic paranormal cosmic horror novel Canelo (Macmillan Distribution (MDL))

09 May 2024

Carrie Rickard throws herself obsessively into the restoration of Fairwood House, known to locals of Pagham-on-Sea as The Crows, the site of a gruesome unsolved murder years before.

Her fate is sealed. Her death is inevitable...Carrie Rickard, leaving an abusive relationship back in London, tries to escape her past by throwing herself into her restoration project: Fairwood House, known to locals of Pagham-on-Sea as The Crows. Unable to resist as it whispers to her, Carrie's obsession only grows when she discovers it was the site of a gruesome unsolved murder. As she digs deeper into the mystery, she awakens dark and dangerous forces. Cue an introduction to her foul-mouthed neighbour, Ricky Porter, who is as obsessed with The Crows as Carrie is, and who has several secrets of his own. Not least of which are what's really under his hood, and what he's got in the cellar... A chilling gothic horror novel of haunted houses, eldritch monsters and things that go bump in the night.





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The Fisherman

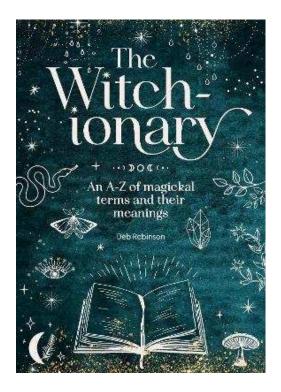
A chilling supernatural horror epic Canelo (Macmillan Distribution (MDL))

09 October 2023

Abe and Dan, two widowers who have found solace in each others company, hear rumours of a fine fishing creek in upstate New York, one hiding a terrible secret.

'Illusory, frightening, and deeply moving, The Fisherman is a modern horror epic. And it's simply a must read' Paul TremblayIn upstate New York, within the woods, Dutchman's Creek flows out of the Ashokan Reservoir. Steep-banked and fast-moving, it offers the promise of fine fishing, and of something more, a possibility too fantastic to be true. When Abe and Dan, two widowers who have found solace in each other's company and a shared passion for fishing, hear rumours of the Creek and what might be found there, the remedy to both their losses, they dismiss them. Soon, though, the men find themselves drawn into a tale as deep and old as the Reservoir. Its a tale of dark pacts, of long-buried secrets, and of a mysterious figure known as the Fisherman. It will bring Abe and Dan face to face with all that they have lost, and with the price they must pay to regain it. 'An epic, yet intimate, horror novel. Langan channels M. R. James, Robert E. Howard and Norman Maclean. What you get is A River Runs Through It... straight to hell' Laird Barron More praise for The Fisherman 'Reading this, your mouth fills with worms. Just let them wriggle and crawl as they will, though—don't swallow. John Langan is fishing for your sleep, for your soul. I fear he's already got mine' Stephen Graham Jones 'What starts as a slow, melancholy tale gains momentum and drops you head first into a churning nightmare from which you might escape, but you'll never forget, and the memory of what you saw will change you forever' Richard Kadrey 'The Fisherman is a treasure, the kind of book you just want to snuggle up and shiver through. I can't say enough good things about the confidence, the patience, the satisfying cumulative power of this book. It was a pleasure to read from the first page to the last' Victor LaValle 'Stories within stories, folk tales becoming modern legends, all spinning into a fisherman's tale about the one he wishes had gotten away. Langan's latest is at turns epic and personal, dense yet compulsively readable, frightening but endearing' Adam Cesare





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Witchcraft Wicca

Deb Robinsonis half of the mother/daughter team who founded the witchcraft subscription box service Witch Casket. Witch Casket has 135k followers on Instagram, and their subscription boxes regularly sell out. Deb is a practicing witch based in Yorkshire, UK.

The Witch-Ionary

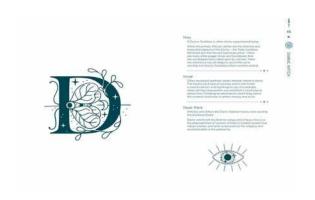
An A-Z of Magickal Terms and Their Meanings

David Charles (Grantham Book Services (GBS))

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Filled with all the definitions that you could need, The Witch-ionary is an A-Z of magickal words and their mean-ings. All the way through to the end of the alphabet, all the terms that might crop up in a spell book are explained – along with why that spellbook might be called a book of shadows!

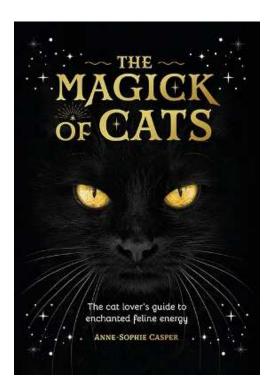
There is a wealth of jargon in the witchcraft community – from words related to sabbats, like Beltane and Samhain, to ingredients, rituals, and a myriad of tools. The Witch-ionary gathers all those terms in one easy to refer to place and gives newbie and beginner witches the guide they need to accompany them on their witchcraft journey. Filled with all the definitions that you could need, this A-Z of magickal words and their meanings reveals exactly what an "athame" is, and when you might use one, and explains when Beltane is and what you might do to celebrate it. All the way through to the end of the alphabet, all the terms that might crop up in a spell book are explained – along with why that spell book might be called a book of shadows! As more and more people enter the witchcraft world, the need for accessible resources to de-mystify the most mysterious of practices has never been clearer, and The Witch-ionary is the perfect book for baby and beginner witches to have at hand.











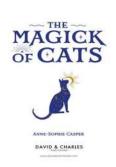
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Mysticism, magic & ritual Cats as pets

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The Magick of Cats

The Cat Lover's Guide to Enchanted Feline Energy

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Witchcraft & Wicca Cooking for parties

Carla Torrents Murcia is a creative and kitchen witch based in Barcelona, Spain. She explores her love of cooking through her Instagram @wiccancuisine. When she's not conjuring up a magical meal, she is a content creator and Art Director, working in both Spanish and English.

Kitchen Magick A Recipe Deck for Witches David & Charles (Grantham Book Services (GBS)

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A recipe deck based on the Wheel of the Year with recipes for everyday meals and treats and special celebratory dishes to make for festivals and Sabbats.

Kitchen Magick is a recipe deck for all who want to capture the magic of cooking and baking. Presented in a beautiful box with an accompanying instructional booklet, there are 52 recipe cards for savoury meals and sweet treats inspired by the Wheel of the Year. Perfect for aspiring kitchen and hearth witches, this deck makes it easy to add new magical meals to every menu. Using seasonal ingredients, there are recipes for both the mid-week supper and the festival feast with suggestions for how to celebrate the passing of the seasons with family and friends. The relationship between magic and food is long-standing and celebrated here along with the connection to nature. The recipes included are all designed to be changed or modified to fit different needs, tastes and intuitions with the author and kitchen witch Carla Torrents encouraging users of the deck to get it messy - the robust cards and box can withstand the heat and spills of a busy kitchen countertop! The accompanying booklet provides excellent tips and tricks, as well as practical information about weight conversions between imperial and metric measurements, and introduces the Wheel of the Year. Internationally minded, the dates of festivals and Sabbats are given for both northern and southern hemisphere witches so everyone can start making magic in the kitchen.





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Clare Gogerty lives on a smallholding in Herefordshire which she intends to open as a spiritual retreat. A member of the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids, she has been interested in magic, druidry and folklore since childhood. A former magazine editor, for numerous titles including The Simple Things magazine, she is now a freelance journalist and author, writing about spirituality, travel, homes and gardens for various magazines and newspapers. She is is author of Beyond the Footpath (Piatkus, 2019), and Sacred Places (Aster, 2020).

The Witch'S Year Modern Magic in 52 Cards David & Charles (Grantham Book Services (GBS)

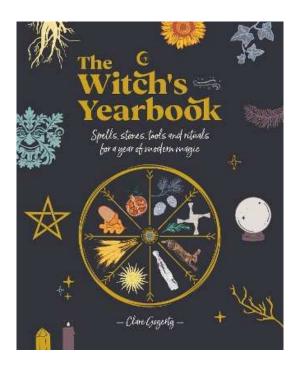
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A year-long magical adventure to develop your modern witchy practice, through the seasons and sabats of the wiccan calendar. Whether you're a solitary hedge witch, part of a coven, a practising witch or an aspiring one, this deck will furnish you with the knowledge to enrich your journey and sprinkle magic over every day.

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The Witch's Yearbook

Spells, Stones, Tools and Rituals for a Year of Modern Magic

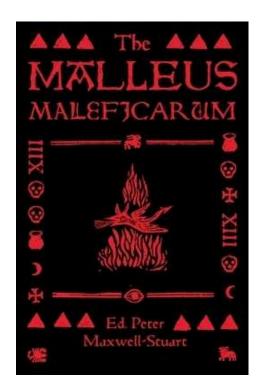
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European history Early modern history: c 1450/1500 to c 1700 Witchcraft

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The Malleus Maleficarum

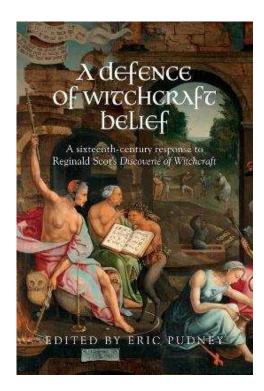
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This accessible English translation of the notorious and highly influential treatise of 1487 offers a glimpse into the mind of a medieval witch hunter. -- .

As featured on Suranne Jones: Investigating Witch Trials In 1487, the zealous inquisitor Heinrich Kramer wrote a treatise that would have a remarkable influence on European history. Blaming women for his own lust, and frustrated by official complacency before what he saw as a monstrous spiritual menace, Kramer penned a practical guide to aid law officers in the identification and prosecution of witches. Fusing theology, lurid anecdotes and advice for those engaged in combating sorcery, The Malleus Maleficarum transports the reader into the dark heart of medieval belief - where fear and the supernatural converged in a gripping struggle for understanding and control. The book led to the burning of numerous heretics and 'witches' and had a lasting impact on the popular image of witchcraft. This edition offers a clear, readable translation and an introduction that lays out the context of late-medieval Europe, a time of spiritual paranoia when powerful men suspected women's sexuality was a tool of the Devil. -- .





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Early modern history: c 1450/1500 to c 1700 Witchcraft History of religion

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A Defence of Witchcraft Belief

A Sixteenth-Century Response to Reginald Scot's Discoverie of Witchcraft

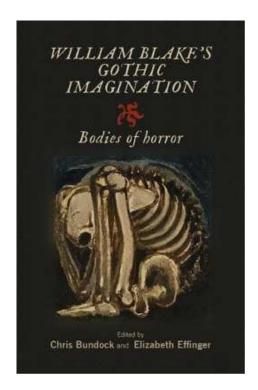
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This edition of a previously unpublished manuscript defence of witchcraft belief offers a unique insight into learned opinion on the subject in Elizabethan England. It includes a comprehensive analytical introduction and will appeal to scholars with an interest in witchcraft across disciplinary boundaries. -- .

This is the first published edition of a fascinating manuscript on witchcraft in the collection of the British Library, written by an unknown sixteenth-century scholar. Responding to a pre-publication draft of Reginald Scot's sceptical Discoverie of Witchcraft (1584), the treatise represents the most detailed defence of witchcraft belief to be written in the early modern period in England. It highlights in detail the scriptural and theological justifications for a belief in witches, covering ground that may well have been considered too sensitive for print publications and presenting learned arguments not found in any other contemporary English work. Consequently, it offers a unique insight into elite witchcraft belief dating from the very beginning of the English witchcraft debate. This edition, which includes a comprehensive analytical introduction, presents the treatise with modernised spelling and relevant excerpts from Scot's book. -- .





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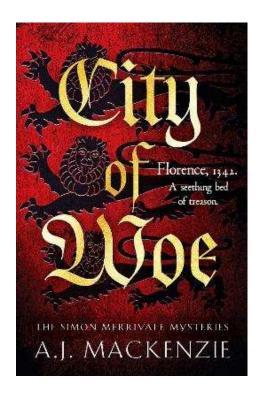






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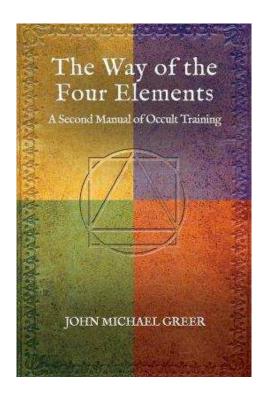
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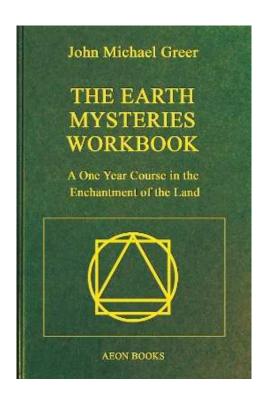
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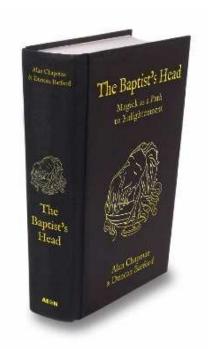
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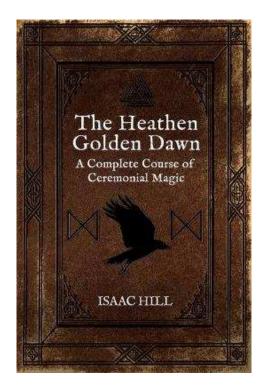
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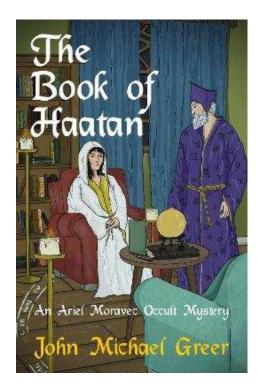
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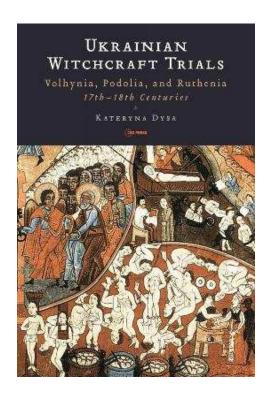
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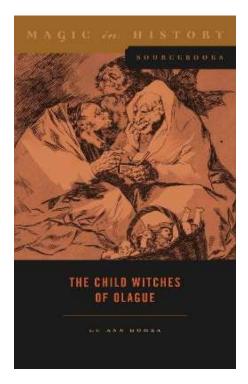
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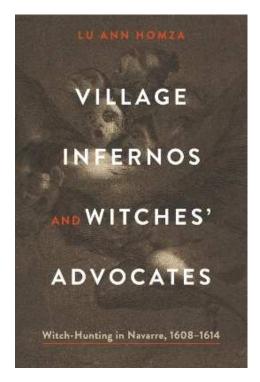
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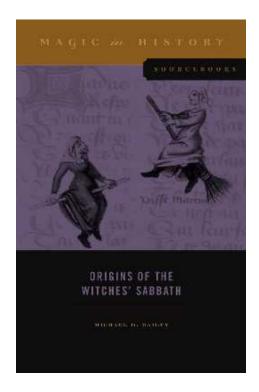
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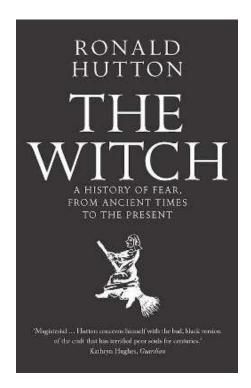
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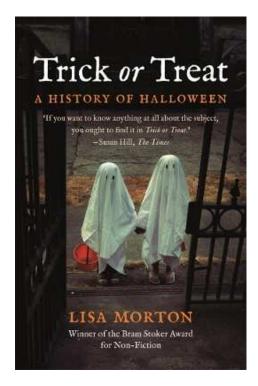
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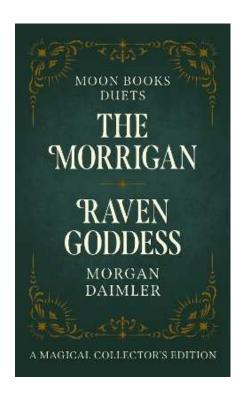
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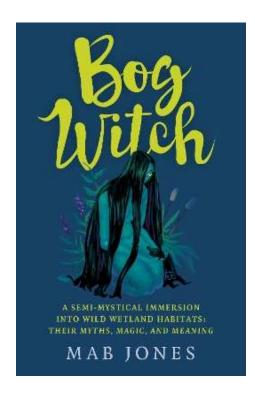
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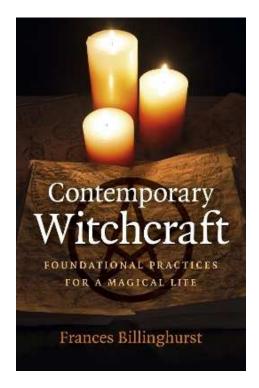
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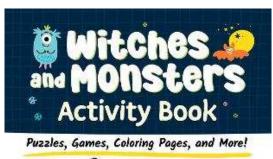
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